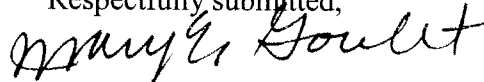


REMARKS

Claim 28 is pending in this application. Claims 1-27 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, including Applicant's right to pursue any or all of Claims 1-27, and any claims to any other disclosed subject matter, in this or a continuation or other application. As to new claim 28, see, e.g., Applicant's specification at page 30, claims 1 and 2; page 31, claims 7, 8, 9, 10; page 32, claims 11, 12.

Please proceed to examination on the merits. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 (IBM-Yorktown).

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